



Student ePortfolios

An ePortfolio is a collection of sample work that students can use to showcase and highlight their learning progression, skills, achievements, career advancement, awards/grants, and more. As students select the pieces that represent them and reflect on what they learned, they start to make sense of their educational experiences, deriving new meaning out of the process. Meanwhile, ePortfolios can also enable instructors to observe student understanding and achievement, and to understand how students learn through their self-reflections.

This tip-sheet introduces various tools that students can use to build ePortfolios. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to forestry.tls@ubc.ca for consultation.

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UBC Supported Tools

Option 1: UBC Blogs

UBC blogs is a free university-hosted WordPress platform available for faculty, staff, and students, comparable to WordPress.com. Although anyone can view and comment on public blogs, accounts for UBC Blogs require a UBC CWL login. This platform has a wide variety of customization options, such as backgrounds, themes, and add-on tools. There is also an option to make your blog publicly visible or keep it private to specific groups.

Advantages and Limitations

Advantages	Limitations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ideal tool to publish a wide range of web content (e.g., text, images, etc.) • User-friendly interface to help you create and manage your content easily • Various themes available to customize the look and feel of your site • Password protection for a specific post or page 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posts are presented in reverse-chronological order (with most recent entry at the top) by default • 500 mb storage limit

Getting Started

1. **Active UBC students or alumni** can login here <https://blogs.ubc.ca/>
2. Once your account is created, select 'Create A Website'



[Add or edit your Avatar?](#)

+ Create a Website

My sites

FAQ

Help and Support

3. Choose your website name and title (name cannot be changed later, title can be changed)

Get *another* UBC Blogs site in seconds

Welcome back, [redacted] By filling out the form below, you can **add another site to your account**. There is no limit to the number of sites you can have, so create to your heart's content, but write responsibly!

Sites you are already a member of:

[redacted]

If you are not going to use a great site domain, leave it for a new user. Now have at it!

Site Name (subdirectory only):

blogs.ubc.ca/

Site Title:

Site Language:

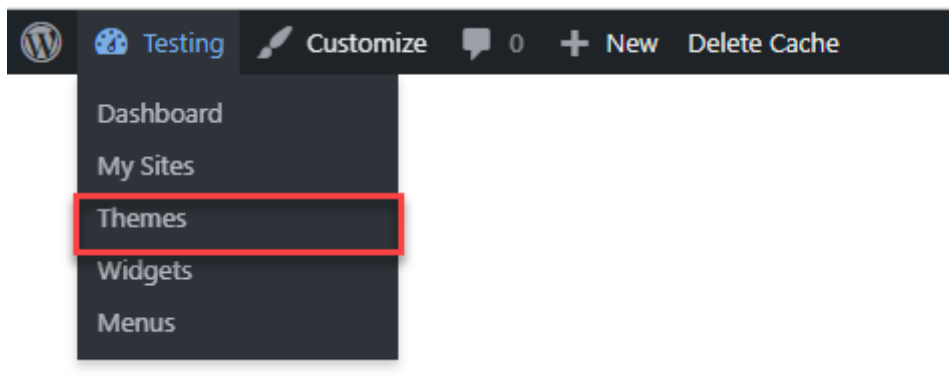
Privacy:

Allow search engines to index this site.

Yes No

CREATE SITE

4. Choose a starting theme you like



5. Set a static page as the homepage. This is to change what users see first.

- a. Go to Settings -> Reading -> Select 'A Static page' then choose 'Sample Page' (created automatically)

The screenshot shows the WordPress 'Reading Settings' page. On the left sidebar, the 'Settings' menu is expanded, and 'Reading' is selected. A red box highlights the 'Reading' menu item, and a red arrow points from it to the 'A static page' option in the 'Your homepage displays' section. Another red box highlights the 'A static page (select below)' option, and a red arrow points from it to the 'Save Changes' button at the bottom left. A large red text overlay at the bottom right says 'Don't forget to save changes'. The 'Save Changes' button is also highlighted with a red box.

6. Make changes to your site with 'Edit Page'

The screenshot shows the WordPress 'Edit Page' interface. At the top, the 'Edit Page' button is highlighted with a red box. A large red text overlay in the center says 'Don't forget to Update'. A red arrow points from this text to the 'Update' button in the 'Publish' sidebar panel, which is also highlighted with a red box. The main content area shows a preview of a page with placeholder text.

7. Visit [UBC Blogs Student Guide](#) and [Instructor Guide](#) for more information
8. Visit [WordPress Support Guides](#) for more information

Option 2: Canvas ePortfolios (Not available in Canvas Catalog)

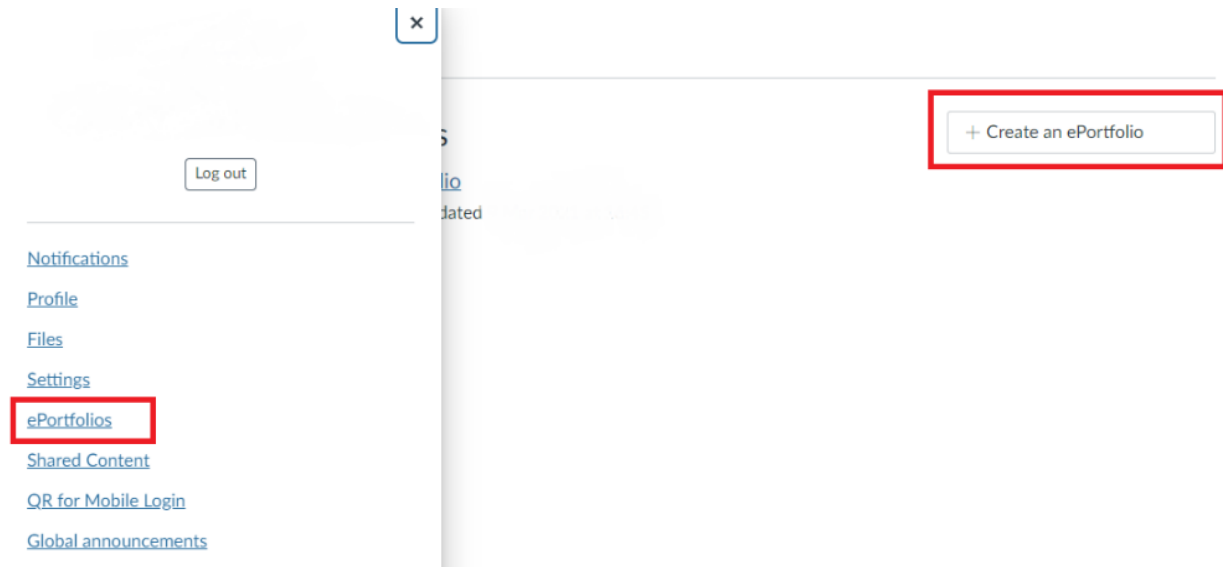
Canvas ePortfolios is a Canvas built-in tool that allows students to share and demonstrate their online work during the learning process. The ePortfolios created in Canvas are linked to the student’s Canvas accounts. Students can also create multiple ePortfolios and choose to share the content either publicly or privately.

Advantages and Limitations

Advantages	Limitations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully integrated into Canvas • Straight forward and easy to setup • Allow other people to leave comments on the work • Allow multiple types of content to be presented on the page 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The private ePortfolio can be accessed by anyone who has the sharing link, and it is not password protected • 250 mb storage limit

Getting Started

1. Log in to Canvas. [1] Click on the **Account** icon in the upper left corner of the navigation menu, and [2] choose **ePortfolios**.



2. To create a new ePortfolio, click on **+ Create an ePortfolio** on the upper right corner of the screen.

Make an ePortfolio

ePortfolio Name:

Make it public

Make ePortfolio

Cancel

[1] Name the portfolio by typing in the **ePortfolio Name** field, [2] check **Make it Public** if you want it to be public, and [3] click on **Make ePortfolio** to save.

- To view an ePortfolio that has been created, click on the name of the ePortfolio under **My ePortfolios**.

Notifications

Profile

Files

Settings

ePortfolios

Shared Content

QR for Mobile Login

Global announcements

My ePortfolios

[My portfolio](#)
1 page last updated 11 Jul at 11:47

- On the left-hand side of the ePortfolio page, the name and privacy settings of the ePortfolio can be changed in **ePortfolio Settings**.

My portfolio

Welcome to your ePortfolio

If this is your first time here, you may want to pop up the wizard and see how best to get started. Otherwise you can quickly add recent submissions or just jump straight to the portfolio.

[Getting started wizard](#)
→ [Go to the actual ePortfolio](#)

Your ePortfolio is public

That means anyone who knows the address of your portfolio can view it. You can make your portfolio private by [changing your portfolio settings](#).

Home

Organise sections

ePortfolio Settings

- Visit [How do I create a new ePortfolio as a student](#) for more information

Option 3: Canvas Catalog ePortfolio Group

Another alternative would be to create groups in Canvas Catalog with one student per group and ask students to submit their e-portfolios as links or group pages. This would allow instructors to easily organize student submissions and streamline the assessment of the e-portfolios.

Advantages and Limitations

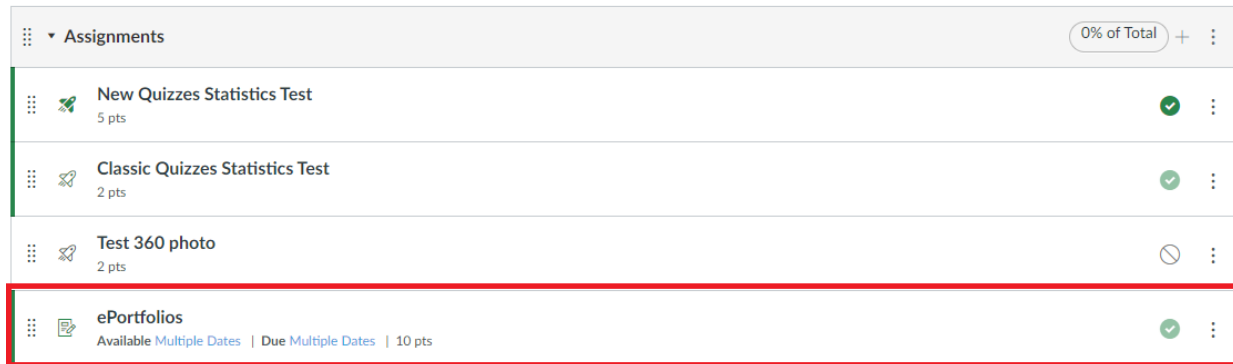
Advantages	Limitations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to grade and review. • Allows instructors to leave feedback. • Allows multiple types of content to be presented on the page. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited customization compared to a regular website. • No control over domain name and branding. • Integrated with Canvas and might not be easily shareable outside the specific academic context.

Getting Started

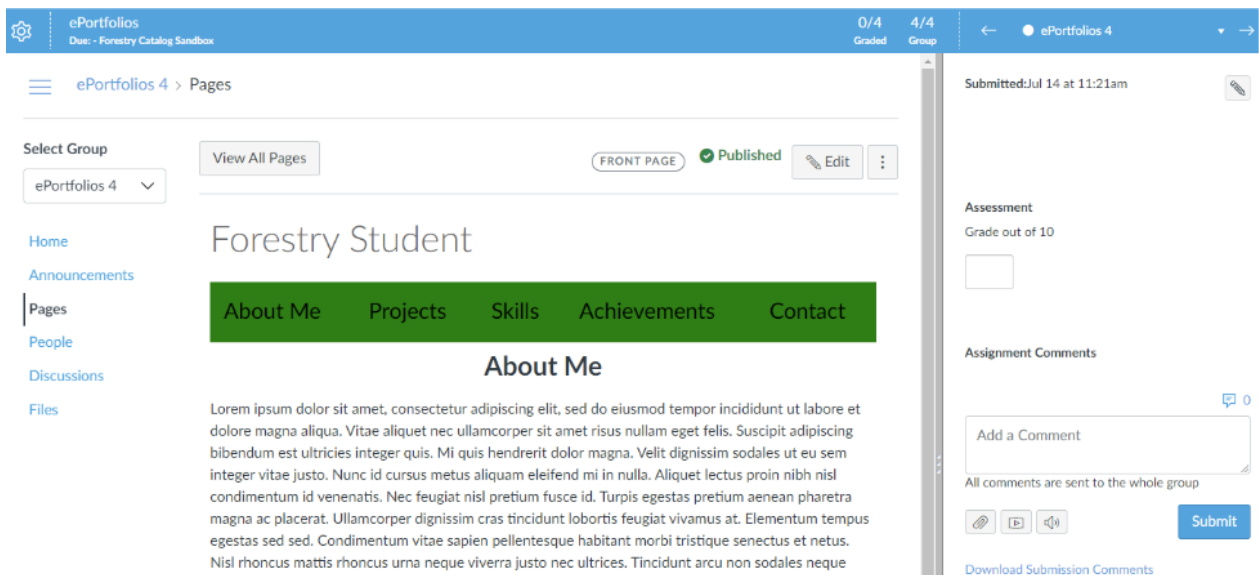
1. Create an ePortfolio group in Canvas Catalog for each student (I.e., one student per group)

2. Each student should be able to edit their own group pages to create an ePortfolio

3. Create an assignment for students to submit their ePortfolio (e.g., a website link)



4. Once students submit their files/links, you should be able to view them in SpeedGrader



Additional Tools (Not Centrally Supported by UBC)

There are numerous great website builders that can make it easy for students to publish, manage and showcase their work online, though not centrally supported by UBC. They often come with a variety of themes and templates, and a friendly user-interface.

Note: As these are external tools, UBC will NOT be able to provide any technical support. For assistance or tutorials, please refer to the respective website supports.

FIPPA and Privacy notice: According to FIPPA, all student information must remain in Canada unless there is consent. The UBC Commissioner’s office has indicated that if use of the tool is required for a course, consent cannot be deemed to have been given, and students must be given the option to use alias. **The following tools discussed may be hosted on non-FIPPA-compliant cloud-based servers. Courses that use these tools should allow students to opt out if they are concerned about their privacy. An alternative option could be submitting portfolio files (e.g., PDF) directly in Canvas/Canvas Catalog instead of posting them on a website.**

Option 1: Odoo

Odoo is a user-friendly website builder, making it a great choice for those just starting out. Odoo’s templates are simple and clean providing a great backdrop for a no-nonsense portfolio that’s all about showcasing your work. It offers a simple drag-and-drop editor that makes editing a breeze, so you don’t need to worry about any learning curves at all.

NOTE: Odoo offers a free custom domain name for **one year**. Visitors can then access your website with an address like www.example.com instead of example.odoo.com. Refer to [this](#) for more information.

Advantages and Limitations

Advantages	Limitations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Template can be changed anytime when editing the page • User-friendly interface • Various categories of themes, users can filter the library based on the type of website you want to create 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of customization for editing the template • Limited theme choice • While there is a free tier, some features are only available in paid tiers

Getting Started

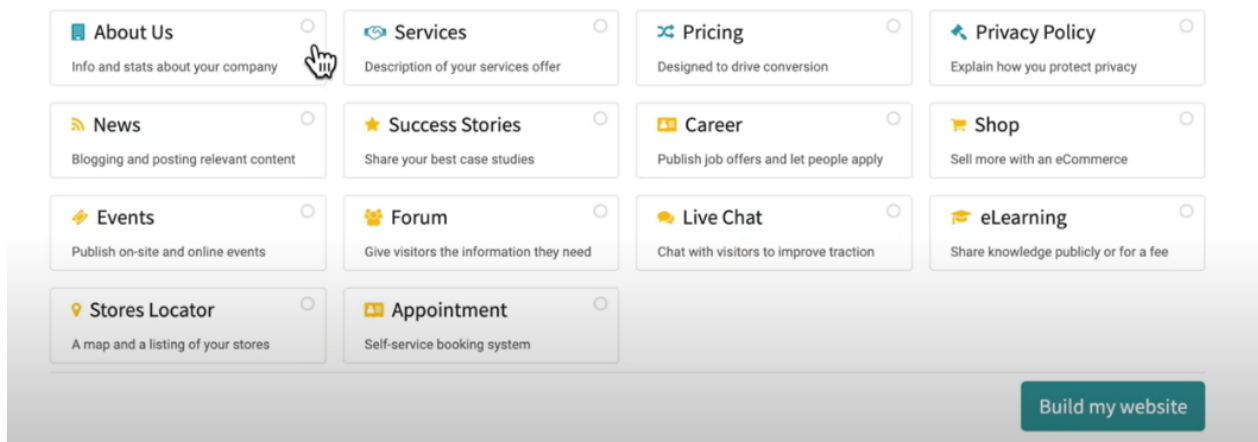
1. Create a free website here: [Odoo Website](#)
 - a. In the setup phase, say you want to create a business website. Fill in something appropriate for the other inputs.
 - b. For your features, choose ‘About Us’

c. Choose a template (you can change it later)

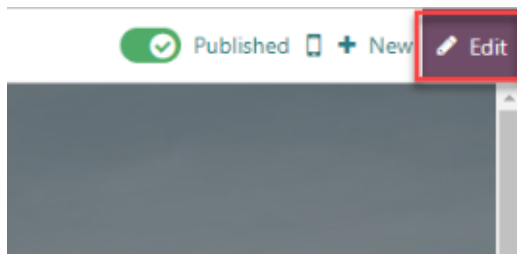
I want a business website for my
 _____ business

Add Pages and Features

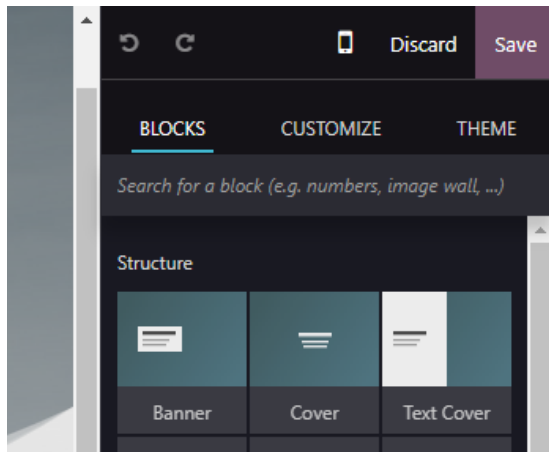
You'll be able to create your pages later on.



2. Edit your site with 'Edit'



3. Drag and drop in various elements



4. Visit [this website](#) to learn more. You can also refer to their tutorials at [Odo Academy](#).

Option 2: LinkedIn Profile

The project section on a LinkedIn profile is helpful for working professionals to showcase their achievements, skills, and impacts.

Advantages and Limitations

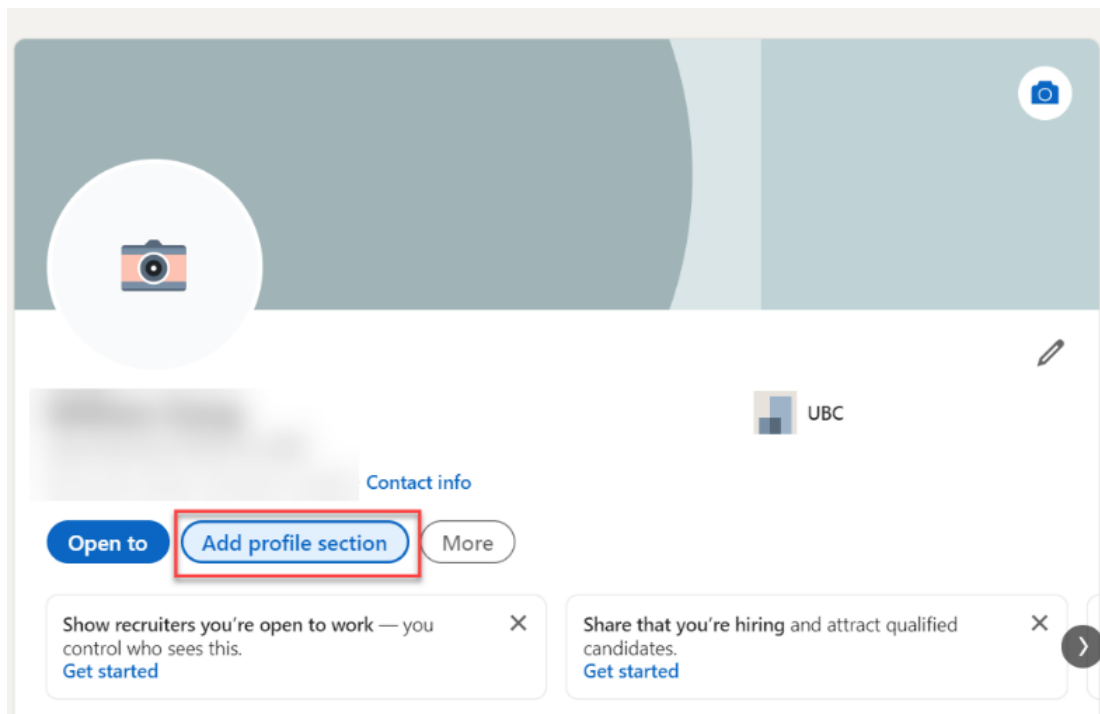
Advantages	Limitations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very easy to set-up • No need to worry about styling or formatting • Makes it visible to LinkedIn’s large user base of industry professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No customization options • Difficult to stand out when everyone on LinkedIn uses the same template • Lack of creative freedom and expression

Getting Started

1. Login/Sign up for LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/login/>
2. Go to your profile



3. Add various sections to your profile



4. A recommended section to add is 'Projects' which allows you to add media such as PDF, PowerPoint slides, and images.

The screenshot shows a LinkedIn profile editing interface. At the top, there is a section titled 'Add to profile' with a close button (X). Below this, there are several sections: 'Core' with a dropdown arrow, 'Recommended' with an upward arrow and a note: 'Completing these sections will increase your credibility and give you access to more opportunities'. Under 'Recommended', there are buttons for 'Add featured', 'Add licenses & certifications', 'Add projects' (highlighted with a red box), 'Add courses', and 'Add recommendations'. Below these is an 'Additional' section with a dropdown arrow. A modal window titled 'Add project' is open, showing a form with the following fields: 'Project name*' (required), 'Description' (with a character count of 0/2,000), 'Skills' (with a '+ Add skill' button), 'Media' (with a '+ Add media' button and a link to 'media file types supported'), and 'Additional details' (with a checkbox for 'I am currently working on this project'). At the bottom of the modal is a 'Save' button.

5. Note, LinkedIn Profiles do not provide the design flexibility website builders have.